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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

August 6, 1971

ST. CLAIR COUNTY -- Cahokia - Sauget Harold Waggoner & Co. Chemical Discharge

REPLY TO:

Harold Waggoner & Co. 1300 Queeny Avenue Sauget, Illinois

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICE II **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY** 117 WEST MAIN STREET COLLINSVILLE. ILLINOIS 62234

Gentlemen:

On April 8, 1971, and July 28, 1971, technical representatives of this Agency made an inspection of your property and noted the following deficiency:

> Tanker trucks labeled as corrosive were observed to be apparently discharging their contents to Dead Creek and causing a pollutional condition therein.

You are hereby directed to immediately eliminate any additional discharges to waters of the State. You are also directed to notify this Agency as to the steps taken to abate the discharge.

Failure to comply with above directive will lead to referral to our Division of Legal Services for the purpose of seeking appropriate legal action.

Very truly yours,

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

R. L. Schleuger, Supervisor

Mississippi Basin

Surveillance Section

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL - SURVEILLANCE SECTION

FROM:

Eric W. Merz, Mississippi Basin Office

SUBJECT:

ST. CLAIR COUNTY -- Cahokia - Sauget

Harold Waggoner & Co. Chemical Discharge

DATES OF VISIT:

April 8, 1971 and July 28, 1971

On the above dates, the writer observed tanker trucks labeled as corrosive to be apparently discharging their contents to Dead Creek near Queeny Avenue.

An actual discharge was not observed, but the condition of the creek and photographs taken seem to indicate a discharge is taking place. (The photographs are attached to the Basin copy of this memo.)

A letter to the subject is attached asking immediate abatement of the apparent discharge.

The above is for your information.

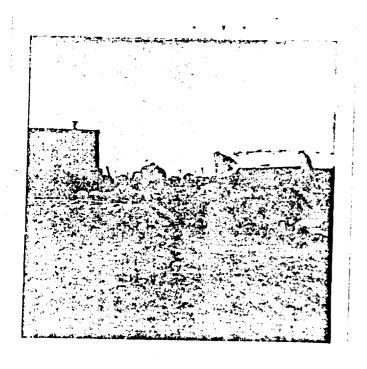
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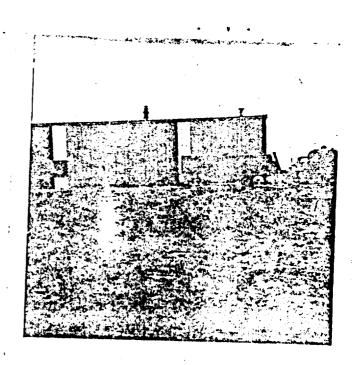
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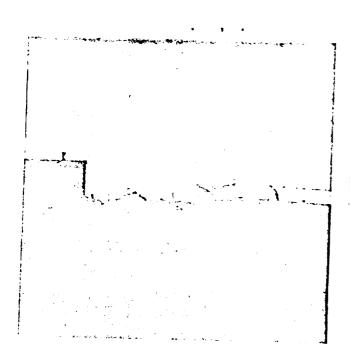
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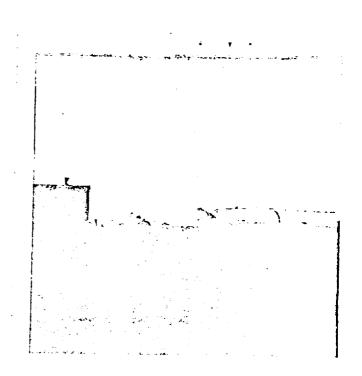
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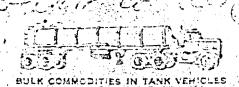
Bhotographs Taken on April 8, 1971 by Eric W. Merz











# Harold Waggoner & Company Chemical Transporters

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS 62206

August 16, 1971

Environmental Protection Agency 117 West Main Street Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Gentlemen:

As of August 9th, 1971, we have stopped discharging any materials into Dead Creek.

At present we are using a disposial excavation.

Yours truly

HAROLD WAGGONER & COMPANY

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY - Harold Waggoner & Co. (Sauget) Tanker Truck Wastes

TO: Division of Water Pollution Control, Surveillance Section

FROM: Michael G. Neumann, Engineer, Mississippi Direct Sub-Unit

DATE: February 13 and March 22, 1973

INTERVIEWED: Harold Waggoner, Owner

On the above dates, the writer visited the Harold Vaggoner & Company, Chemical Transporters. Agency personnel had previously observed the trucking company discharging the contents of its tanker trucks to an adjacent body of water appropriately named Dead Creek. An Agency letter notified the company of the discharge and a reply was received that the discharge to Dead Creek had been eliminated.

The owner of the trucking company, Mr. Harold Waggoner, was contacted at his office. Mr. Waggoner stated that a hole had been dug nearby into which the tanker truck washwater discharged. Mr. Waggoner stated that there was no danger of the facility overflowing. The writer explained various State laws and regulation governing discharges and treatment facilities. The writer inspected the hole which was located about 100 yards behind the trucking company's office. The hole was roughly circular, about 30' in diameter, with an unknown depth. Its surface was covered with oil. The hole was not surrounded by a fence nor were warning signs posted. The company did not obtain a permit for construction. About 100 gpd are used to wash out two tank trucks which are used to transport industrial acids. Since the tank trucks are loaded and unloaded under pressure, Mr. Waggoner did not believe that there was any acid left in the trucks when they are washed out. Mr. Waggoner attributed the oil in the hole to the leaking of several barrels that had been placed in or near the hole. The barrels had been discarded on the property several years previous.

A subsequent check with the Permit Section revealed that since only 100 god are discharged to the facility, there was little acid waste contained in the washwater and there was no overflow, a permit would probably not be needed, although the situation was a somewhat gray area.

Surveillance of the facility will continue to determine if the situation changes.

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